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THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM IS BEING
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QUOTE:

P R 281642Z APR 77
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TO RUEFHQA/HQ USAF WASHDC PRIORITY
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RUWMDAA/OGDEN AIR MATERIAL AREA UTAH PRIORITY
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HQUSAF FOR LG. AFLC FOR LO/LOM/MI. OGDEN FOR CC/LOM
(COL DALPRA). INFO: HQ USAF FOR LG. USCINCEUR FOR
ECJ-4/7-AFLCLO.

E.O.11652: N/A
SUBJECT: REPAIR/MAINTENANCE OF USAF AIRCRAFT BY GERMAN
AEROSPACE INDUSTRY.

REF: A. BDLI LTR TO CINCUSAFE, 28 NOV 75, SAME SUBJECT
B. CSAF/LGP 181938Z MAR 76, SAME SUBJECT (NOTAL)
C. MAAG-BONN 231621Z JUL 76, SAME SUBJECT
D. FMOD MSG, SAME SUBJECT, 19 AUG 76 (NOTAL)

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1. SUMMARY: THE GERMAN AEROSPACE INDUSTRY HAS BEEN
WORKING TOWARD A CONCEPT FOR USE OF THEIR FACILITIES FOR
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF US FORCES AIRCRAFT. THE
EFFORTS OF VARIOUS COMPANIES THAT HAVE BEEN CONCERNED
WITH THIS INITIATIVE, AND THE RANDOM PROBINGS FOR
INFORMATION AND ADVICE, ARE NOW BEING CHanneled INTO
A SINGLE GERMAN AGENCY FOR FURTHER COORDINATION/

DEVELOPMENT OF THIS CONCEPT. THIS COORDINATING AGENCY IS DER BUNDESVERBAND DER DEUTSCHEN LUFT-UND RAUMFAHRT-INDUSTRI (FEDERAL ASSOCIATION OF GERMAN AEROSPACE INDUSTRY - BDLI). BDLI NOW SEEKS TO COLLECT FURTHER INFORMATION, OBTAIN ADVICE AND FINALIZE PROCEDURES NECESSARY FOR FURTHER PROGRESS WITH THIS CONCEPT. ALTHOUGH PRIOR INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS HAVE INCLUDED CONSIDERATIONS/PROPOSALS INVOLVING USN/USA HELICOPTERS, THE MAIN BDLI COLLECTIVE EFFORT AT THIS POINT IS FOCUSED ON ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROGRAM THAT INVOLVES USAF/USAFE AIRCRAFT. BDLI HAS ASKED THE CINCUSAFE LIAISON OFFICER - BONN (USAFELO) FOR ASSISTANCE IN COORDINATING A FOLLOW-UP VISIT TO THE CONUS OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVE (DR. BAUMEISTER). BAUMEISTER DESIRES TO VISIT OGDEN ALC FOR FURTHER ORIENTATION, WITH A SUBSEQUENT CALL ON HQUSAF/LG FOR EXIT BRIEFING PURPOSES. WE ARE AWARE OF POSITIVE FMOD INTEREST IN SUCH A PROGRAM BUT ARE UNAWARE OF THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE. THIS MESSAGE SUMMARIZES SOME OF THE PREVIOUS STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN THAT MAY HAVE A BEARING ON THE DIALOGUE WITH DR. BAUMEISTER. WE ALSO FORWARD A PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR CONCURRENCE AND/OR COMMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. REF A WAS A LETTER FROM BDLI TO CINCUSAFE SUGGESTING A MEETING TO EXPLORE THE USE OF GERMAN AEROSPACE INDUSTRY FOR REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND A SOURCE OF SPARES FOR USAF WEAPONS SYSTEMS. REF B RECOMMENDED THAT AFLC PURSUE DISCUSSIONS WITH BDLI TO EXPLORE FRG UNCLASSIFIED

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CAPABILITIES FOR AIRCRAFT/COMPONENT REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE, AND RESUPPLY OF SPARE PARTS TO MATCH USAF REQUIREMENTS. REF C, INTER ALIA, ANNOUNCED THE VISIT TO CONUS OF DR. BAUMEISTER DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1976. REF D ADVISED OF FMOD READINESS TO RENDER FULL SUPPORT TO SUBJECT CONCEPT. REF ALSO ASKED THAT DOD/AFLC BE INFORMED THAT FMOD IS POSITIVELY INTERESTED IN THE CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING GERMAN INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT FOR US AIR FORCE EQUIPMENT.

3. AS HAD BEEN PROPOSED IN PART 2, REF C, DR. BAUMEISTER ENTERED INTO DISCUSSIONS AT HQ AFLC WITH COL. STRINGER, LT COL OLIVER AND MR. WHITE. UPON RETURN TO BONN, BAUMEISTER UNDERTOOK TO FORMALIZE THE VARIOUS INTERESTS OF THE GERMAN AEROSPACE INDUSTRY UNDER A PROTOCOL WHICH DESIGNATES BDLI AS THE ACTION AGENCY AND POINT OF CONTACT FOR SUBSEQUENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS GERMAN INITIATIVE. ADDITIONALLY, MORE DATA WAS GATHERED CONCERNING THE CAPABILITIES AND

EXTENT TO WHICH THE GERMAN INDUSTRIAL BASE COULD
SUPPORT SUCH A PROGRAM.

4. AT BDLI'S REQUEST, REPRESENTATIVES OF THAT ORGANIZA-
TION VISITED HQSAFE/LG TO BRIEF ON THE STATUS OF THEIR
PROPOSAL, AND TO SOLICIT COMMENTS CONCERNING APPROPRI-
ATE FURTHER STEPS TO BE TAKEN WITH USAF AGENCIES. SUB-
SEQUENT DISCUSSIONS, AGAIN AT BDLI REQUEST, WERE HELD
WITH LTG HAILS AND BG WATERS DURING THEIR VISIT TO
HQSAFE. AS A RESULT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS, WHICH

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INCLUDED RECOMMENDATIONS THAT DIRECT CONTACT BE ESTAB-
LISHED WITH OGDEN ALC, AND THAT NECESSARY ACTIONS BE
TAKEN TO HAVE INTERESTED GERMAN AGENCIES ENTERED ON
THE ALC BIDDERS LIST, BDLI HAS BEEN REFINING THE DATA

ON INDUSTRIAL CAPABILITIES AND MAKING SOME ADJUSTMENTS
IN THEIR BASIC CONCEPT.

5. DR. BAUMEISTER NOW PROPOSES TO VISIT OGDEN ALC EARLY
IN THE WEEK OF 23 MAY AND HAS ASKED THIS OFFICE TO
ASSIST IN COORDINATING VISIT ARRANGEMENTS. WE ARE
ADVISED THAT HE ANTICIPATES MEETING WITH COL DALPRA
AND MG RAFALKO. PURPOSE OF THESE VISITS WOULD BE TO
OBTAIN SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO ALLOW INITIATION OF
FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE AND DEVELOPMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE
PROCEDURES THAT WOULD PROVIDE ENTRY TO APPROPRIATE
BIDDERS LISTS. HE ANTICIPATES ARRIVAL OGDEN LATE 22 OR
EARLY 23 MAY WITH DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON LATE 24 OR
25 MAY, UNLESS ADDITIONAL TIME IS NEEDED TO CONCLUDE
DISCUSSIONS. HE ALSO PROPOSES TO PAY A CALL ON
HQUSAF/LG (LTG HAILS, IF AVAILABLE) AND GIVE EXIT-TYPE
BRIEFING ON OBJECTIVES OF AEROSPACE INDUSTRY, STATUS
OF BDLI ACTIONS TOWARD THESE OBJECTIVES, AND OVERVIEW
OF CURRENT PLANNING ACTIVITIES. BAUMEISTER STATES
WILLINGNESS TO REMAIN IN WASHINGTON THROUGH COB 27 MAY
TO ACCOMMODATE SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS OF LTG HAILS.
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BAUMEISTER ALSO OFFERS TO VISIT HQ AFLC IF ADDEES
BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE USEFUL.

6. THIS OFFICE IS WILLING TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE LIAI-
SON SERVICE TO BDLI, INITIATED AS A RESULT OF REF A,
ALTHOUGH WE LACK EXPERTISE ON MAINTENANCE/LOGISTIC
MATTERS. WE ARE AWARE THAT ELEMENTS OF SUBJECT ARE
ON THE AGENDA OF US/FRG LOGISTICS STAFF TALKS, HOWEVER,
WE ARE NOT AWARE OF THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF THIS
ISSUE IN TERMS OF NATO RATIONALIZATION/STANDARDIZATION
PRACTICES UNDER THE "TWO-WAY STREET" CONCEPT.

7. REQUEST ADDEES ACCEPTANCE OF BDLI REP SCHEDULE OR
PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES THERETO. SHOULD
TELEPHONIC CONTACT BE REQUIRED, AMEMB SWITCHBOARD CAN
BE REACHED BY DIALING USEUCOM SWITCH (4870123) OR
RAMSTEIN SWITCH (4941110) AND ASKING FOR THE TIE-LINE
TO AMEMB-BONN. USAFEO EXTENSIONS ARE 3193/3306 OR
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